

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
National Capital Region
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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MEMORANDUM TO:

Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Supervisors / Coordinators
Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Head Teacher and Teacher In-Charge

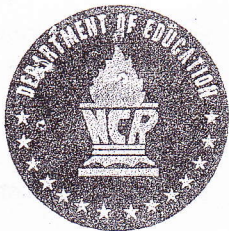
Subject: **SECOND RAIN WATCHERS AWARDS**

Attached is Regional letter No. 247, dated July 28, 2011, and its enclosure, re: **Second Rain Watchers Awards**, contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

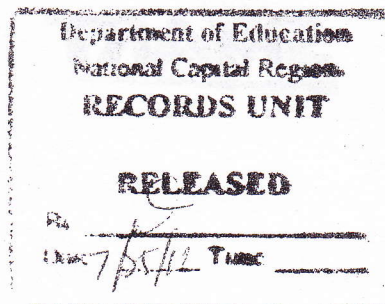
Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



VOLANDA C. ARCO
Chief, Administrative Officer
Officer In-Charge



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(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)
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Daang Misamis, Bago Bantay, Lungsod Quezon
(Misamis St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City)



July 20, 2011

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Elementary and Secondary

Dear Sir / Madam:

This has reference to the attached letter of Deivid Rioferio, Public Affairs Group, Smart Communication, Inc. 6799 Ayala Avenue, 1226 Makati City, relative to the update on the deadline of the Second Rain Watchers Awards, which is July 31, 2011, the content of which is self-explanatory for your reference.

For further inquire please call telephone number: (02) 5112530, Fax: (02) 5113100; Mobile number; 0929-8874702, or Email address; dbrioferio@smart.com.ph.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

ELENA R. RUIZ

Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Regional Letter No. 247

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"Character, Competence, Excellence and Distinction"

BRIEF ON PROJECT RAIN GAUGE AND ON THE RAIN WATCHERS AWARDS

Project Rain Gauge

In 2007, Smart Communications, Inc. (SMART) launched Project Rain Gauge, in partnership with the PAGASA, and the Manila Observatory, in 17 public schools that were identified as belonging to disaster-prone areas in the country.

Project Rain Gauge is a rainfall monitoring program initiative and is the result of the concerted efforts of the teachers, students and, in many cases, their school community. Using manual rain gauges, they read, record and report rainfall data in their area daily. This year, there are more than 70 partner schools nationwide.

The value of this in schools is that it is a hands-on science education program that the participants have integrated in their science curriculum. In fact, it has become a school community effort because the importance of rainfall monitoring for community-based early warning has been cascaded and embraced by the entire school. The science teachers involved have also been invited to conduct trainings in their respective municipalities.

Rain Watchers Awards

To recognize the effort and dedication of the teachers and students in Project Rain Gauge member schools, the Rain Watchers Awards was launched in 2010, in partnership with PAGASA, Typhoon Committee Foundation, Inc. (TCFI), *Alyansa ng mga Grupong Haligi ng Agham at teknolohiya para sa Mamamayan* (AGHAM), the Department of Education and SMART.

The primary objective of Rain Watchers Awards is to instill in the youth the importance of being knowledgeable and aware of meteorological information, especially on the prevention of weather-related hazards. It is envisioned that the students and the teachers will be encouraged to become more socially responsible in participating and in engaging their communities with meaningful meteorological activities in school, such as rainfall monitoring, with the hope of gradually inspiring the students to take up B.S. Meteorology in college.

(Excerpt from a news release about the First Rain Watchers Awards last 2010)

The Monkayo National High School in Monkayo, a town in the Province of Compostela Valley some 120 kilometers away from Davao City, won a trophy, a school computer, P25,000 cash, mobile phones and Smart Bro prepaid plug-it units for its efforts to regularly monitor and record rainfall under Smart's Project Rain Gauge.

Second and third place went to San Miguel National High School (SMNHS) in Bulacan and Aurora National Science High School (ANSHS) in Baler, Aurora respectively. SMNHS won P15,000 while ANSHS won P10,000, with each school receiving a trophy, a school computer, mobile phones and Smart Bro prepaid plug-it units.

A special prize went to SSS Village Elementary School in Marikina City as "Rookie Rain Watchers of the Year". The public elementary school is one of 18 schools that joined Project Rain Gauge just this year after Smart opened the project to non-Smart Schools Program partners to involve schools in areas like the cities of Marikina and Antipolo as well as some parts of Rizal that were hard-hit by typhoon Ondoy.

40. Camarines Sur National High School
Peñafrancia Avenue, Naga City
41. Catanduanes National High School
Constantino, Virac, Catanduanes
42. Gallanosa National High School
Irosin, Sorsogon
43. Irosin Central School
Irosin, Sorsogon
44. Ligao National High School
Ligao City, Albay
45. Naga Central School
Jacob St., Naga City
46. Naga City Science High School
Naga City, Camarines Sur
47. Pilar Productivity Development High School
Pilar, Sorsogon
48. Rawis National High School
Rawis, Bacon District, Sorsogon City
49. Tabaco National High School
Tabaco City, Albay
50. Vinzons Pilot High School
Vinzons, Camarines Norte

REGION VI – Western Visayas

51. Guimbal National High School
Rizal St., Guimbal, Iloilo
52. Luis Hervias National High School
Villamonte, Bacolod City
53. Oton National High School
J.P. Laurel St. Oton, Iloilo
54. Passi National High School
Dorillo St. Passi City, Iloilo
55. Ramon Avanceña National High School
Iloilo City, Iloilo

REGION VII – Central Visayas

56. Abellana National School
Osmeña Blvd. Cebu City
57. Lusaran National High School
Cebu City, Cebu
58. Mandaue City Central School
Li. Catalino St., Centro Mandaue City
59. Mandaue City Comprehensive National High School
Plaridel St., Mandaue City
60. Medellin National Science and Technology School
Poblacion, Medellin, Cebu
61. Minglanilla National Science High School
Poblacion Ward I, Minglanilla, Cebu
62. Paril National High School
Cebu City, Cebu

63. Science and Technology Education Center
Basak, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu
64. Suba-Masulog Elementary School
Suba-Masulog, Basak, Lapu-Lapu City
65. Camanjac National High School
Dumaguete City
66. Taclobo High School
Dumaguete City
67. Junob National High School
Dumaguete City
68. Dumaguete City National High School
Dumaguete City
69. RTPM – Dumaguete Science High School
Dumaguete City
70. Hermenigilda F. Gloria Memorial High School
Dumaguete City
71. Piapi High School
Dumaguete City
72. Maxino College
Dumaguete City

REGION VIII – Eastern Visayas

73. New Ormoc City National High School
Ormoc City, Leyte
74. Rizal Central School
Justice Romualdez Street, Tacloban City
75. San Juan National High School
San Juan, Southern Leyte

REGION XI – Southern Mindanao

76. Artemio Loyola Elementary School
Crossing Bayabas, Toril, Davao City
77. Cabantian National High School
Country Homes, Cabantian, Davao City
78. Davao City Special National High School
Davao City, Davao
79. Monkayo National High School
Monkayo, Compostella Valley
80. Tagum City National High School
Mangga, Visayan Village, Tagum City
81. Talomo Central Elementary School
Davao City

REGION XIII – CARAGA

82. Bayugan National Comprehensive High School
Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur

For **non-members** of Project Rain Gauge, and wants to be a member and join the contest, a complete contest entry should be composed of the following:

- a. Accomplished **Project Rain Gauge Membership Online Form**
Description: Used by the school when it wants to become a PRG member school
URL: <http://fs2.formsite.com/smartschools/form3/index.html>
- b. Accomplished **2nd Rain Watchers Awards Entry Online Form**
Description: Used by the PRG team when a PRG member school wants to join the Rain Watchers Awards
URL: <http://fs2.formsite.com/smartschools/form4/index.html>
- c. Accomplished **School Head's Endorsement Form**
- d. A complete blog site containing all the blog entries of the PRG Team's best practices, and profiles of the team officers and members and of the school. **ONLY the blog entries about the PRG team's best practices for the year 2011 are valid topics for blog entries, and will be included in the judging.** The participating school's blog must be on Blogger (www.blogger.com).

Eligibility

The 2nd Rain Watchers Awards is open to all bona fide Project Rain Gauge partner schools, elementary and high school, nationwide.

For non-member schools (public and private, elementary and high school) that wish to join, kindly fill out the PRG Membership Form to qualify in the Rain Watchers Awards.

Entry Format

1. The blog site must at least contain the following details:
 - a. Complete name of school
 - b. Complete address
 - c. School logo
 - d. PRG team profile
 - e. A page for weekly updates of your rainfall data
2. For your blog entries, please be guided by the following format:
 - a. A blog entry must be composed of a minimum of 300 words, and a maximum of 500 words.
 - b. Each entry must be accompanied by three to five related photos with caption. You may upload photos taken using any kind of camera, or using mobile phone camera. Scanned photos are also acceptable.
 - c. If you wish to add more photos, make a separate page that you may label and use as photo gallery.
 - d. All blog entries and photos uploaded must be related to Project Rain Gauge activities.
3. It is strongly encouraged that you explore and enhance the features of your blog.

Entry Content

The blog site may contain stories about the team's best practices for the past years. **However, please note that ONLY the blog entries about the PRG team's best practices for the year 2011 are valid topics for blog entries, and will be included in the judging.**

Here are some topics that may guide you in writing your blog entries:

1. Reading, Recording and Reporting of Rainfall Data
 - a. Let us know of the criteria you had in mind in forming your school's PRG group. How did you select or invite the students and your teachers? You may talk about the things that you are doing to ensure that everybody in your team, or even in your school, knows how to use the manual and/or digital rain gauges properly.
 - b. Also, it will be better if you can include stories about the logistical challenges you faced in installing your rain gauges, its maintenance, the completeness of its parts, with measuring sticks, record sheets, etc.
 - c. Do you keep a journal of your daily recordings? Tell us how you report and update your data to the website and/or blog site regularly, from the time of the installation of your rain gauges. If you do not yet have a username and password, your journal and manual record will be enough.

Forms**a. Project Rain Gauge Membership Online Form**

Description: Used by the school when it wants to become a PRG member school

URL: <http://fs2.formsite.com/smartschools/form3/index.html>**b. 2nd Rain Watchers Awards Entry Online Form**

Description: Used by the PRG team when a PRG member school wants to join the Rain Watchers Awards

URL: <http://fs2.formsite.com/smartschools/form4/index.html>**c. School Head's Endorsement Form**

Description: Used by the PRG team in registering as a PRG school member or as a contestant to the Rain Watchers Awards

School Head's Endorsement Form

This is to officially endorse the following teacher name of teacher as team adviser, and names of two students as team leaders, for Project Rain Gauge, and for the 2nd Rain Watchers Awards, and to certify that they are bona fide teacher and students of the school.

Signature over printed name

Designation

School

Date Accomplished

Date Submitted

Date Signed

Please send the completed forms **on or before** June 30, 2011 via fax, email, or post to:

2nd Rain Watchers Awards

c/o Project Rain Gauge Secretariat

Smart Communications, Inc.

8/F Smart Tower 1, 6799 Ayala Avenue,
Makati City 1226

Telephone No.: (+632) 511-2530

Fax: (+632) 511-3100**Email:** dbrioferio@smart.com.ph*Please notify us via email or phone if any form has been faxed or sent via post/courier.*

2. Promotion of Awareness and Action in School

- a. Share to us your teaching techniques. With the variety of subjects you discuss in class, how do you connect it with Science topics, such as weather or climate change, and even with other subjects like Math? Or, have you tried integrating PRG with the important events in your school, like the first day of classes, the Science and English Months, the Earth Day and Teachers' Month celebrations?
- b. How did you request for the assistance of your local DepEd officials and your school principal? Their active participation is needed for memo and policy releases regarding Project Rain Gauge and other related matters. They can also support you in making special projects like investigatory reports about the environment by endorsing you to agencies that can give assistance in research.
- c. Inform us of your scheduled activities for the whole year. Are you planning to hold an annual school program for PRG? How about echoing the trainings you were able to undergo?

3. Partnerships with the Community

- a. Explain to us how were you able to tap other schools to be your partners in implementing PRG. What activities do you hold with them?
- b. Engaging your local government unit in implementing PRG is a commendable task. What activities have you had in collaboration with the barangay, the Sangguniang Kabataan, and the like? This also applies to your tie-ups with civic groups and non-government organizations.

4. Recognition

- a. Being a candidate for and a recipient of awards and commendations from your school and from your community is very rewarding. What plans do you have so that others may also achieve what you or your team achieved?
- b. Tell us how it was like to be featured on your school paper or newsletter, on newspaper, radio, internet, and even on TV. What were the activities in PRG that you accomplished to experience such? How did these experiences encourage you to share your knowledge to others and to continuously participate in Project Rain Gauge?

5. Online Campaigns

- a. You can let the whole world know about what you are doing and achieving in Project Rain Gauge. Write about your teachers' and students' participation on Facebook and on other social networking and blog sites. How did you encourage them to have their own online accounts?
- b. Have your PRG team leaders, members, students and teachers in schools added Project Rain Gauge as your friend in Facebook? Are you active in joining our PRG gimmicks? Tell us of your experience when you won your prize from us. Or, if you haven't won yet, what keeps you motivated to actively join our gimmicks?

NOTE: These are just topic guides. You may focus on other subjects aside from those listed above, as long as it is related to Project Rain Gauge.

Criteria for Judging

It is important that the PRG schools were as able to submit their URL's and blog site names during the registration for the awards. The blog sites and blog entries of the participating schools shall be judged. The judges will select the Champion, the First Runner Up, and the Second Runner Up.

ONLY the entries about the PRG team's best practices for the year 2011 are valid topics for blog entries, and will be included in the judging.

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| Blog Site <ul style="list-style-type: none">Does the over all look and design of the blog site reflect the value of the PRG team's best practices? | 30% |
| Blog Entries <ul style="list-style-type: none">Do the blog entries strongly convey to the readers the school team's Project Rain Gauge best practices?Are the stories clearly written?Do the photos show the effort and dedication of the team?Were all the stories and photos related to Project Rain Gauge?Can the weekly rainfall data be seen on the blog site and are updated? | 70% |



Project Rain Gauge

CONTEST MECHANICS (UPDATED, July 5, 2011)

Requirements

1. Project Rain Gauge (PRG) Team

The team will be composed of one team adviser and two leaders.

a. PRG Team Adviser

- He or she should be a bona fide faculty of the school, preferably teaching science or any science-related subject.
- The team adviser is responsible in ensuring that the reading and recording of rainfall data is accurate, and its reporting is updated.
- His or her task as team adviser is to organize the PRG team in the school, and to guide them in conceptualizing and in implementing all PRG-related activities, and in choosing the best practices that the team will write blog entries about.
- The team adviser is also expected to regularly coordinate with the Project Rain Gauge secretariat.

b. PRG Team Leaders

- Two (2) bona fide students of the school. If the school is an elementary school, the team leaders will be grade five students at the duration of their one-year term as team leaders; if the school is a high school, the group leaders will be third year high school students at the duration of their one-year term as team leaders.
- They are to be the president and the vice president of the PRG team in their school.
- Their task is to lead the school team members, in conceptualizing and in implementing all PRG-related activities. Team members of elementary schools may be from grade one to grade six level, while team members of high schools may be from first year to second year level. PRG-related activities are activities that the school team will do in benefit of Project Rain Gauge and of the team itself. Examples are reading, recording and reporting of rainfall data, awareness campaigns in school, partnership with the communities, and the like.
- The team leaders, with the guidance of their team adviser, are to decide on what best practices they will write about as entries to the contest.

2. Contest Entry

For **existing members** of Project Rain Gauge, a complete contest entry should be composed of the following:

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b. Accomplished School Head's Endorsement Form

- ###### c. A complete blog site containing all the blog entries of the PRG Team's best practices, and profiles of the team officers and members and of the school. **ONLY the blog entries about the PRG team's best practices for the year 2011 are valid topics for blog entries, and will be included in the judging.** The participating school's blog must be on Blogger (www.blogger.com).

Project Rain Gauge Member Schools (as of July 4, 2011)

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1. Barangka Elementary School
Brgy. Barangka, Marikina City
2. Concepcion Integrated School
Brgy. Concepcion Uno, Marikina City
3. Sto. Niño Elementary School
Brgy. Sto. Niño, Marikina City
4. SSS Village Elementary School
Brgy. Concepcion Dos, Marikina City
5. Concepcion Elementary School
Brgy. Concepcion Uno, Marikina City

19. Calayan National High School-Dilam Annex
Brgy. Dilam, Municipality of Calayan
20. St. Bartholomew Academy
Centro, Municipality of Calayan

REGION III – Central Luzon

21. Aurora National Science High School
Baler, Aurora
22. Baler National High School
Baler, Aurora

REGION I – Ilocos Region

6. Don Eulogio de Guzman Memorial National High School
Calumbaya, Bauang, La Union

CAR – Cordillera Autonomous Region

7. Alejo M. Pacalso Memorial National High School
Bua, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet
8. Baguio City National High School - Loakan Annex
Baguio City, Benguet
9. Cordillera Regional Science High School
Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet
10. Mt. Province General Comprehensive High School
Eyeb, Poblacion, Bontoc, Mt. Province
11. Sagada Central School
Patay, Sagada, Mountain Province
12. Sagada National High School
Sagada, Mt. Province
13. Tuguegarao North Central School
Caritan Centro, Tuguegarao City

REGION II – Cagayan Valley

14. Alicia Central School
Magsaysay, Alicia, Isabela
15. Aparri School of Arts and Trades
Maura, Aparri, Cagayan
16. Cagayan National High School
Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
17. Calayan National High School Main Centro, Municipality of Calayan
18. Calayan National High School-Dibay Annex
Brgy. Dibay, Municipality of Calayan

REGION IV-A – CALABARZON

23. San Miguel National High School
San Miguel, Bulacan
24. Infanta National High School
Ruanto St., Infanta, Quezon
25. Paaralang Sekondarya ng Heneral Nakar
Gen. Nakar, Quezon
26. Bagong Nayon Elementary School
Brgy. Bagong Nayon, Antipolo City
27. Cupang Elementary School
Brgy. Cupang, Antipolo City
28. Juan Sumulong Elementary School
Brgy. Sto. Niño, Antipolo City
29. Maximo Gatlabayan Memorial National High School
Brgy.
30. Muntindilaw Elementary School
Brgy. Muntindilaw, Antipolo City
31. San Isidro National High School
Brgy. San Isidro, Antipolo City
32. San Joseph Elementary School
Brgy. San Jose, Antipolo City
33. San Jose Elementary School
Brgy. San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal
34. San Rafael Elementary School
Brgy. San Rafael, Rodriguez, Rizal
35. Amityville Elementary School
Brgy. San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal
36. Burgos National High School
Brgy. Burgos, Rodriguez, Rizal
37. Banaba Elementary School
Brgy. Banaba, San Mateo, Rizal
38. Malanday Elementary School
Brgy. Malanday, San Mateo, Rizal
39. Justice Vicente Santiago Elementary School
Brgy. Ampid, San Mateo, Rizal

REGION V – Bicol Region



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July 6, 2011

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
Department of Education

Dear Sir/ Ma'am:

In relation to the previously released Memorandum by the Department of Education about the Second Rain Watchers Awards, I kindly seek your assistance in disseminating the information on the said Memo to all elementary and high schools within your region.

This will serve as an update on the deadline of the Awards, which is July 31, 2011. We also hope to encourage more schools to join.

Enclosed with this letter are the following documents:

1. Brief on Project Rain Gauge and on the Rain Watchers Awards
2. List of Project Rain Gauge Member Schools
3. Updated Mechanics of the Second Rain Watchers Awards

Should you have any queries, you may reach me through telephone number: 02-5112530; fax number: 02-5113100; mobile number: 0929-8874702; or email address: dbrioferio@smart.com.ph.

We look forward to moving this project with you.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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